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New Projects Keep Salinas Laborers Busy

Several new projects in the jurisdiction of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas have provided new employment opportunities, according to Business Agent J. B. McGinley.

A sewer project at the new state medium security prison at Soledad has been started by Heisel, Hopper & Wood, San Francisco contractors, with union labor.

Two firms are erecting new traffic signals in Salinas and have called union laborers. One firm is from Monterey, Ets-Hokin & Galvin Co.

Erection of a new fire station and a garage at the prison at Soledad has been started by M. & K. Construction Co. of San Francisco.

Greco Visits S.L.O. Official

Peter Greco, business agent of Salinas Painters Union 1140, was in San Luis Obispo for two days last week to confer with officials of the painters' union there in regard to mutual problems.

Greco said he talked over matters in connection with coming work situated near the lower Monterey County line with Don Wilson, business agent of San Luis Obispo Painters Union 1336.

Local 1140 has won its claim for travel time to the state forestry camp project at Slack's Canyon, Greco added. The announcement was from J. R. Alburton, of the state division of forestry.

Hod Carriers Win Increase; Laborers Try

S. M. Thomas, business agent for Monterey Laborers Union 690, announced last week that union hod carriers had won a wage increase and that negotiations were being started for an increase for laborers.

The Monterey Bay Chapter of Lathing and Plastering Contractors agreed to a new wage scale of \$2.50 per hour for hod carriers. Work day is 6, 7 or 8 hours, Thomas said. When all members are working the work day is 8 hours; when 25 per cent are out of work, the day drops to 7 hours, and when half are out of work only 6 hours may be performed, Thomas explained.

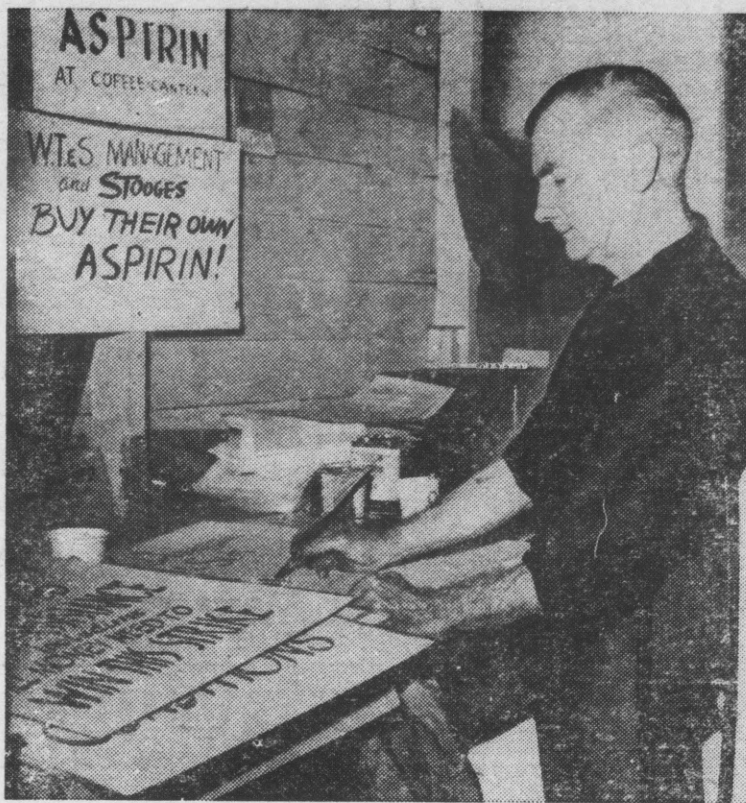
Laborers, now getting \$1.45 per hour, will seek wage increase of 17 1/2 cents per hour with local contractors only. The State Associated General Contractors' contract is not being negotiated at this time, Thomas said.

Office Worker's Hubby in Hospital

Mrs. Margaret Brown, office secretary for Carpenters Union 925, was in San Francisco much of last week to be with her husband, who was in the Franklin Hospital there. Friends said Mr. Brown underwent a serious operation, details of which were not reported. Mrs. Brown was due back this week.

Maritime Security

Washington.—Representatives of all maritime employers and all unions except the Intl. Longshoremen & Warehousemen Union (CIO) and the Marine Cooks & Stewards (CIO) signed a document giving the government the right to ban any worker considered subversive from any U.S. merchant ship.



BRUSHING UP GUILD STRIKE—As the strike by members of the Newspaper Guild of New York against the World-Telegram & Sun passed its sixth week, Joe Labrache, a striker, brightens up picket signs at strike headquarters. The Scripps-Howard paper has been shut down since June 13.

REPORTS FROM SALINAS CLC

Formation of a Disaster Committee for all AFL Organized Labor in the Salinas area was a highlight of last week's meeting of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, according to Alfred J. Clark, secretary.

Named to the committee were J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272, and Clark.

The labor council voted to affiliate with the Salinas Chamber of Commerce at the meeting.

A new Legislative committee was appointed, including Harvey Baldwin, Randolph Fenchel and R. A. Wood.

McGinley reported on the Salinas General Disaster Committee meeting, and told of his talk with Disaster Chairman C. Wiley.

Motion Picture Operators Union 611 informed the council that two new theatres at Carmel were employing union projectionists.

Rice to Attend State Dem. Meet In Sacramento

George L. Rice, successful in bid for nomination as Democratic candidate for the State Assembly from Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties, will attend the coming meeting of the State Democratic Central Committee in Sacramento.

In accordance with state laws, Rice has appointed three delegates to the meeting, naming T. A. Dorney, Jeanne C. Tucker and Margaret Pardee Bates. Rice is secretary of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union 483.

Plumber Groups Meet on Contract

A joint meeting of Negotiation Committees of the Associated Contractors of Monterey County and of Plumbers and Steamfitters Union 503 of Salinas was scheduled for Wednesday of this week for the purpose of discussing contract problems, according to Union Secretary John W. Drew. Members of Local 503 were to be called to a special meeting on Monday night to hear reports on contract matters from Business Manager E. R. Arbuckle and others.

In Union Circles

Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas, suffered painful face injuries in a fall at her home last week. She said she slipped on a rug. In the fall she suffered a deep cut on the forehead and general facial bruises.

Plasterers at Monterey were on strike for a new contract last week, but details were not announced. Jack Smith, international representative, was in Monterey to assist in negotiations and strike strategy.

Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas, returned last week from his vacation trip. He said he and his family traveled as far north as Pasco, Washington, and had an enjoyable time.

E. R. Arbuckle, business manager of Salinas Plumbers and Steamfitters Union 503, was back on his job last week after attending a conference of union officials in Denver, Colorado.

No contract was in sight last weekend for AFL Fishermen and AFL Fish Cannery Workers and whether or not the Monterey sardine plants would be operating with the opening of the new season on Tuesday was not known, union officials said.

Attending a Community Chest meeting in Salinas last week were President R. A. Wood and Harvey Baldwin of the labor council there, and Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Teamsters 890.

Monterey Labor League for Political Education was scheduled to meet this week at Fisherman's Hall to lay plans for the coming election campaign.

Herzog Reappointed

Washington.—President Truman nominated Chairman Paul M. Herzog for another 5-year term as head of the National Labor Relations Board. Mr. Herzog's term expires in August.

Culinary-Bar S. Cruz Strike To Be Resumed

The strike of Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 345 has not been settled and picketing of various restaurants and bars will be resumed as soon as strategy has been worked out, the union announced this week in an effort to spike reports of a settlement.

Efforts to bring about a settlement resulted in withdrawal of picket lines by the union, Secretary Mildred Rowe announced, but no settlement was effected and the union voted almost unanimously to resume the strike.

Santa Cruz Labor Council has agreed to give full backing to the resumption of the strike and picketing and has set up a strategy committee of union leaders to assist Local 345.

A letter from the union itself, addressed to the Labor Press, was issued this week to give the union's position:

"Dear Reader:
"Rumors to the effect that the Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union, Local 345 has completely given up our strike and picketing in the Santa Cruz area is a very erroneous, injurious and exaggerated dream of propagandists who wish the union would get those picket signs and banners out of sight.

"The members of Culinary-Bartenders Union have no intention of giving up our fight for the right of earning recognition of trade union principles which many of our men are getting into uniform to preserve the freedom and liberty and to tell the world we want better conditions and livable wages for the men and women who serve you by laboring over hot stoves, griddles, broilers, steam tables and dish sinks, in our dining rooms, restaurants and bars to earn for themselves the pittance they receive.

"The members voted by an overwhelming majority to continue to picket establishments that refuse to recognize our petition for bargaining between Employers and Union for improvement of conditions and wages in keeping with present day standard of living.

"We have been bending over backward for so long (5 years); and continue to do it by temporarily removing our pickets (upon recommendation of the Employers) pending arbitration decisions and negotiations with the Employers for a settlement was in progress. During this intermission we have been planning, through our Strategy Committee, future activities that will enable us to carry on indefinitely.

"We would be happy to have this dispute settled, and will gladly notify all Central Labor Councils and Local Unions when and if we do reach a settlement. Until an Agreement is reached we do urgently request the continued cooperation and support of all of our friends and affiliates.

Fraternalty yours,
Paul A. Wallace, President
Mildred Rowe, Secretary."

AFL-CIO Unity Meet

Washington.—A 2-day meeting on AFL-CIO unity ended with spokesmen for both organizations agreeing that the unity outlook was brighter than ever. Pres. Charles J. MacGowan of the Intl. Bro. of Boilermakers (AFL) and CIO Vice Pres. Allan Heywood were picked to draft an agenda for another unity conference in Chicago.

Culinary Union Picnic Date Changed Here

Change in date of the coming picnic and outdoor barbecue for Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas was announced last week by Secretary Bartha A. Boles. The affair will be held on Tuesday, August 15, at the Salinas Gun Club grounds.

The change was necessitated by a shift in the gun club's program, Mrs. Boles said. Chairman of arrangements for the picnic is Al Meek, union president.

Local 467 is making plans to cancel four meetings due to the summer months, Mrs. Boles added. Vote will be taken at the meeting on August 14 is regard to cancelling the second meeting of August, both September meetings and the first October meeting.

Three members were initiated by Local 467 at its last meeting.

State Plasterers Meet in San Jose

Arrangements were being completed this week for the annual convention of the California State Conference of Operative Plasterers and Cement Finishers, at San Jose next Friday and Saturday, Aug. 4 and 5.

Clarence Bremer, business agent of San Jose Plasterers and Cement Finishers Local 224, said delegates from throughout the state would register in the Civic Auditorium lobby at 8:30 a.m. Friday, and meetings would be held in Montgomery Theater of the auditorium, starting at 9 a.m.

Convention hotel will be the Sainte Claire, across the street from the Civic Auditorium. In the hotel's Spartan Room will be held the annual grand banquet of the Conference on Saturday night, with dancing and entertainment.

Wives of delegates will be entertained also, with a tour of the county scheduled, including visits to Stanford University and the Winchester Mystery House. The wives will be guests at a luncheon at Rickey's Studio Club on Friday, Bremer added.

Ozols Attends Prison Meeting

Karl Ozols, business manager of Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas, was among those invited to attend a special meeting of the State Trade Advisory Board (Department of Correction) at Salinas on Monday.

The meeting was called as a follow-up on the protest by unions against use of convict labor on state projects. A number of union officials participated in the original meeting.

Electrical workers are waiting start of a new government project to dredge the slough at Moss Landing. Work to begin shortly, Ozols said.

Delay Adjournment

Washington.—Sen. Scott W. Lucas (D, Ill.) majority leader told the Senate July 28 there is no prospect of adjournment until the Korean crisis is settled.

He promised the possibility of a series of 3 day recesses "along about Labor day" but warned that despite elections, Congress would not adjourn during such critical times.

He also advised the Senate to postpone plans for completion of the remodeling job on its chambers.

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Bareback-Riding Star La Zefta Loyal, Clown Otto Griebeling and Fu of Pallenberg's educated bears are among the new international array of talent to be seen with the fourth annual Monterey County Shrine Club-Polack Bros. Circus at the Salinas Union High School Stadium, Friday and Saturday, August 11-12.

**SHRINE CIRCUS
DUE IN SALINAS
AUGUST 11-12**

The Salinas Union High School Stadium again will become the mecca for the young in heart on Friday and Saturday, August 11-12, when the attraction will be the fourth annual Monterey County Shrine Club-Polack Bros. Circus.

This year's circus is declared by J. Ward McClellan, general chairman, to be the greatest ever presented by the Shrine and Polack Bros.

Magnificent horses and world's champion bareback riders make up the impressive equestrian extravaganza of the Giustino Loyal-Repensky Family.

Astonishing feats of aerial audacity are executed by Lalage, the Sikorska Duo, Rose Gould Trio and Seven Ward-Bell Flyers.

Other top features are Melitta and Wicons, Swedish high perch artists; the Shyrettos, ace-cyclists; Hubert Castle, wizard of the wire; the Seven Brannocks, whirlwind acrobats; Linon, European pantomimist, and Alfredo Landon's tumbling midgets from the Argentine.

Animal acts of varied appeal are Pallenberg's educated bears, Woolford's unique troupe of performing dachshunds, Whitbeck's famous movie-trained elephants, and Docky's basketball-playing Boxer dogs.

Clowns, headed by the famous Otto Griebeling, plentifully spice the program with their wacky whimsies. Afternoon and night performances will be given both days at 2:15 and 8:15.

He neglected to hold her arm while they were crossing a busy street, so she asked, "Where's your chivalry?"

"Oh!" he replied, "the dealer has it. I'm trading it in on a Buick."

DON'T YOU KNOW
THERE'S A WAR ON?



35,000 Win In NY Hotels

New York. — Wage increases totaling about \$7 million a year were awarded to 35,000 AFL hotel workers here in a 2 to 1 arbitration decision.

The gains, retroactive to June 1, apply to members of the New York Hotel Trades Council whose president, Jay Rubin, participated in the decision. He was joined in approving the increases by arbitration commission chairman Edward P. Mulrooney, who is impartial chairman of the hotel industry. A dissent was registered by Fred O. Cosgrove, representing the Hotel Assn. of New York City Inc.

All non-tip workers receive wage boosts of \$3 to \$4 a week under the award while tipping employees receive \$1.80 a week. The pay hikes averaged 9%. Original demands were for 15% to 20% increases, with a proviso that the largest amount of increases obtained be for those in the lower-paid brackets.

ALL HOTEL CRAFTS

The award covered all crafts of hotel workers. Maids, the largest group in the council, were awarded \$3 weekly increases. Included in the \$4 categories were dishwashers, kitchen runners, other kitchen workers, service bartenders, elevator operators and starters. Workers in the mechanical, maintenance and administrative departments, hostesses and bus boys were awarded \$3.

Tipping employees, including waiters and bell men, received \$1.80-a-week boosts. Banquet waiters were awarded increases of 20c a meal and 20c for each setup and each clearing off of tables. Extra meal waiters received a 20c increase for each meal.

ADDED TO OLD RATE

The increases were added to the minimum rates in the contract. Under the old agreement maids received a minimum of \$28.40 for a 5-day, 40-hour week; dishwashers received \$30; elevator operators, \$36.50; waiters, \$20; service bartenders, \$49; telephone operators, \$36; and porters, \$31.

Negotiations for the increases were opened March 1 under a yearly wage-reopening clause in

the citywide contract, which expires May 31, 1952. The demands went before the arbitration commission when direct negotiations between the council and Hotel Assn. became deadlocked in May. Another wage reopener is provided in 1951.

In voting against the award, Cosgrove complained that the majority had failed to make the award contingent on higher hotel rents. His objection was met by Mulrooney, who sent a letter to administrator Joseph D. McGoldrick of the Temporary State Rent Commission, notifying him of the wage increases and asking that the rent body decide whether increases should be allowed in "severe hardship" cases.

The commission handed down its award after a series of brief stoppages in the city's major hotels. During the hearings dozens of hotel workers testified on the need for wage increases. Typical of the testimony was that which came from a doorman at the elegant Plaza hotel.

"I have seen the day," he told the commission, "when we went to the A&P with a \$10 bill and had to give a little boy a quarter to help us home with all the heavy bags on his wagon. The other day I carried one package under my arm for \$16.95."

"I have two kids. I was making \$39 a week on another job and I wanted to make more. I left my job because it was rumored that these bellmen and doormen were making thousands. I found it was worse."

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BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., J. N. Butler, Jr., 418 Monterey St., phone 4110; Sec.-Treas., N. H. Freeman, 36 W. Alisal St., phone 9782.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec.-Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. Phone 4633.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, Salinas office, 2/4 East Alisal, phone 2-1603; Monterey office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Bennett, 1209 1st Ave., phone 2-0720. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, Cypress 5-3849. **Holister-Gilroy Officers:** Pres., Richard Benita, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 392; Sec.-Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 4375.

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CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall. Pres., Bill Young, phone 3/6-1. Sec., A. W. Heiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 934-W.

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CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood, Sec.-Treas., Alvin J. Clark, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertina Boies. Office, Ginkburg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 6209.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursdays, Wm. Nuelle, 1027 Del Monte St., phone 2-3990. Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesdays; Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, Baldwin Trailer Court, phone 2-3273. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesdays, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville Labor Temples, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Rm. 483, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone Cypress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 10th St., San Francisco, phone UNDERhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREA—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issei, office 637 Fitts St., Richmond, Calif., phone 64000. 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Luther Cloud, 16th and Capp St., San Francisco, phone MARKET 1-4508. Branch Agt., Ronald Schaeffer, Moss Landing, phone Castroville 6072.

JUNIA CALCULATIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467—Meets 2nd Wednesdays 2 p.m. at Labor Temple. Pres., Bertina A. Boies, phone 6209; Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

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LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, Sec., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson St., Salinas, phone 2-2906. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-1603.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace Macfossie, 59-1st Ave. Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Alex Day, res. 611 Doss Ave., phone 2-3775; Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1429 Wren St., phone Salinas 9494.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Walter Ebel, 530 Park St., phone 2-2984. Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1115 Juanita Blvd. Fin. Sec. and B. A., Peter A. Greco, 417 Lincoln Ave. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine St., phone 5530. Sec., C. R. Pendergrass, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-1603.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 7:30 p.m.; (Ex. Board meets every Tuesday, 7 p.m.) Pres., Carl Littvin; Fin. and Rec. Sec., John W. Drew; Bus. Agt., E. R. Arbuckle, Office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday, Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., J. H. Fischer, 128 Mercer Way, Sec. H. C. Schielke, 636 El Camino Real No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Charles Smith, Box 703, Monterey, Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 831 Beach St., Salinas, phone 2-3366. Office, 6 W. Gabilan St., Room 1, phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 108 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014; Sec.-Treas., John Murphy, 616 Elm St., Rt. 1, Monterey.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenhower, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina; Office phone Monterey 6744.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call. Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas; Sec.-Treas., W. P. Karcich, 20 Natividad Rd., Salinas, phone 2-2691.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Firemen's Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Hughes, Spreckels, Sec.-Treas., Robert S. MacRossie, Spreckels, phone 3064. Rec. Sec., Louis Ferrel, 757.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Sec. Fred Clayton, 70 Robley Road, Corral de Tierra, Salinas, phone 3045.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets last Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., D. R. Harrison. Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 9591.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Salinas High Auditorium, 8 p.m. Acting Pres., Ray Bourdet. Sec., Peeter A. Andrade; Bus. Agt., Wm. G. Kenyon, phone 2-0497. Office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 5743.

Here's Work Law For North Korea

Washington.—If you were a worker in communist North Korea under Cabinet Decision No. 27 promulgated by the "Democratic People's Republic" on Jan. 31, 1950, recently received in Washington by the U. S. Department of Labor, you would have to do these things:

Observe "labor discipline" and carry out "at the correct time and exactly" orders from your executive officials.

Report for duty at the specified hour and carry on your duties without wasting time on "business which does not concern" you.

"Fulfill and overfulfill" production quotas.

"Take loving care of, and conserve," raw materials, supplies, machines and tools used in production.

Observe "secrecy of establishment."

Should you violate any of these and other provisions of labor discipline, you would be subject to administrative as well as criminal reprimand and punishment; that is, sentence set by the management as well as by the court. No provisions for appeal are included in the law under which you would be working.

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Thinking Americans by now are beginning to realize we have a major war on our hands that is going to cost many lives and a lot of money to win. Let's hope and pray that the Kremlin which unleashed it does not extend it to other critical parts of the globe.

But while 'teen-age American boys are dying in Korea because of glaring mistakes and almost criminal ineptitude of both diplomats and the military, speculators in commodities are forcing prices up to a point where billions of dollars will be added to our national living costs.

There is no present scarcity of commodities like wheat, cotton and sugar, either in this country or abroad. Our government owns such large surpluses of wheat and cotton that if it could legally throw its holding on the open markets, it would smash every cotton and grain market in the world and break every speculator who was long on either commodity.

It strikes us that the time is ripe for responsible heads of our Government to ask Congress to restore the excess profits tax; permit the price fixing of general scarce commodities, plus the rationing of the latter; let down the absurd embargo on Argentine beef passed many years ago for the protection of U. S. cattlemen when there was a surplus of meat products; and greatly increase the income tax rates on speculative profits from any source. Special heavy taxes should be levied on aliens who speculate on our markets at the expense of the American consumer.

If our boys are expected to go through a living hell and make the supreme sacrifice in Korea to protect us from fighting a world war later on the West Coast, then the very least we can do at home is to ruthlessly squash all profiteering in rigged markets fomented by the scare of anticipated wartime shortages.—St. Louis Labor Tribune.

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EDITORIALS

WHERE BIG VOTE WILL PAY LABOR BIGGEST DIVIDENDS

Voters are watching Korea and forgetting about Congress—but November 7 is still election day—warns Louis H. Bean, election expert, and author of "The Midterm Battle," his new book on the 1950 elections.

Bean is a political analyst and forecaster with an amazing record of accurate predictions. He was one of the very few who called the turn in 1948.

Bean points out that "during wartime, voters stay away from the polls. And many people fail to vote in off-year or mid-term elections. When a mid-term election is held in a wartime atmosphere, an unusually light vote may be expected, unless steps are taken to reverse this trend."

Labor's political directors have pointed out time and again that a light vote, especially in important industrial states, works to the advantage of the reactionaries. A heavy vote works to the advantage of labor's friends.

It All Depends on Who Says It

Labor's League for Political Education (AFL) and the Political Action Committee (CIO) have endorsed The Midterm Battle and are urging union members to read and heed it.

Says Joe Keenan, director of LLPE: "Every AFL official ought to buy a copy. After a quick run through this book you will stop flexing your muscles over past successes and get down to work with cold perspiration on your brow."

Also Jack Kroll, chief of PAC: "The Midterm Battle shows as clearly as possible that it's the ward-by-ward, precinct-by-precinct job of getting people registered and getting them to the polls on election day that counts. All the rest is mere frosting on the cake."

Bean points out that nine states in the industrial northeastern section of the country elect a total of 202 congressmen. The states are Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Missouri. In these states, successful get-out-the-vote campaigns will pay the biggest dividends.

These nine states in 1948 elected 100 Democratic congressmen, Bean notes. The 52 new Democratic congressmen were nearly twice the number needed for the Democrats to regain control of the House of Representatives.

Instead of 1950 being an off-year, 1950 must be an on-year, labor's political directors have pointed out. The Congress elected in 1950 will be the Congress under which the nation's workers will have to live in the tough period ahead. The kind of Congress to be chosen depends on whether labor turns out to vote.

"The Midterm Battle," Bean's third book on elections, has been bought in large quantities by leaders of labor and liberal groups, because they consider the book a handbook for political workers.—(from LPA.)

PRICE CONTROL ONLY OUT

For more than a month our national government has dilly-dallied on the matter of establishing rigorous price controls to cope with the present acute emergency. All this while the profiteers have been upping their prices with every indication that they will keep on doing it. The result is that a lot of panic stricken people have been buying up large stocks of all sorts of goods in the fear that prices will go still higher. As a result sellers of goods are in many cases holding back on selling out present stocks in order to get a materially higher price later on.

Past experience has taught us there is only one way to deal with such a situation and that is to establish rigorous price controls on everything on the basis of what the price levels were on the day this war in Korea broke out. In addition to this there were certain commodities, whose prices had been increased before that, which should be pegged back six months or more to previous levels. It would seem that there is no necessity for rationing at this time but the necessity for putting price control into effect is already past due.

No such necessity exists for wage controls and those who are clamoring for this move have little reason to yelp. Most of them are among the worst price jumpers.

We must recognize that almost the entire daily press is against us and we cannot depend upon the daily papers of our day to give us anything but opposition and misinformation in political contests. To make a fight that can win labor must fight its own campaign.

Old Folks Can't Pay Health Cost

Although it has taken centuries to recognize it, the justice and good sense of pensions for aged workers are now generally agreed upon. Labor's campaigns have finally brought about this reluctant agreement.

From the doctor's point of view, pensions are highly desirable. No one needs medical care more than the person past 65 years. And medical care costs money.

Yet the American Medical Assn. has never lifted a finger to promote pensions for workers. In fact the AMA has viewed with alarm the extension of social security because it fears it will lead somehow or other to so-called socialized medicine.

It is interesting to see many employers now favoring an extension of the social security act. However, the explanation is not too subtle.

Most of the recently negotiated industrial pension plans—financed by employers—call for supplementation of federal social security payments to bring the total pension up to \$100 a month.

AILMENTS HIT HARD

Social security premiums or contributions are, of course, made jointly by employer and worker. Industrial pension plan premiums are made by the employer alone.

It saves the company money, therefore, to have the federal social security benefits as high as possible.

Whatever way pensions are financed, they are essential if the aged worker is to protect his health. It is persons past 65 who are hit most heavily by heart disease, cancer, diabetes, kidney disease, rheumatism, and other killing and crippling disorders. If the white-haired worker is to obtain the medical care he needs a decent source of income is absolutely necessary.

A recent income is necessary also to prevent disease in later life. Many aged people become easily subject to infections because they are poorly nourished. Food costs money.

BAD HOUSING, ACCIDENTS

Accidents, which are often fatal in older people, are commonest in poor housing. A badly lit hallway and broken steps lead to fractured hips and complications such as pneumonia. But rent for a decent home can't be paid with relief checks.

To take care of the health needs of aged persons, pensions are a minimum but much more is required.

Facilities for recreation and congenial company are important. Facilities for medical rehabilitation are also important. And full employment would be best of all, by providing jobs for older workers for as long as they are willing and able to work.

With or without pensions, the health problems of the aged worker cannot be solved as a separate group apart. Good medical care for the pensioner requires a system of national health insurance, no less than care for the young worker.



GOOD SHOT — Miami press photographers picked Kay Dugger to be queen of their annual ball. Photographers meet such interesting people!

with a growing family. The same social security system that helps support the worker when he's old should pay medical expenses for any worker and his family when illness strikes.

A National Conference on Aging is being called in Washington in August. It will undoubtedly make a lot of fine recommendations on the health and welfare needs of the aged worker. It will be up to workers themselves, however, to put life into them.

AFL Editors Push Voting; Blast Medics

(AFL Release)

Washington. — Editors of AFL newspapers pledged full coverage of the grass roots drives by Labor's League for Political Education to raise funds and register votes for November's election.

The editors conferred with Joseph Keenan, director, and other officials of Labor's League for Political Education as the final phase of the league's 2-day meeting here in July.

Editors have one of the major jobs of arousing rank and file members at the local levels to full participation in the league's campaign so that a Fair Deal Congress can be elected in November. Full local coverage will help the registration and contribution committees to be set up by each local union.

Putting across labor's political message was the topic of the labor editors.

The editors were asked to act as the pipeline between LLPE and their local readers.

They were advised to warn their readers in advance about the multimillion dollar campaign the American Medical Association will start Oct. 8 in its fight against health insurance. It was recalled that the cry of "socialism" was raised against free public schools 100 years ago, and later against wage and hour laws, workmen's compensation and other social legislation.

Editors were urged to convince their readers why it is to their own interest to contribute to LLPE. The editors were asked to send LLPE information on local issues, local trends, local sentiment.

One pound of learning requires 10 pounds of common sense to apply it.—Persian Proverb.

JOKES, Etc.

Sometimes Cutie's smile is sunny, cheering, tender, full of glee; Making all the world more pleasant; That's when Cutie smiles at me. Sometimes Cutie's smile is silly, rapid, stupid, full of lies. Flaunting manners and conventions, that's when she smiles at other guys.

Charlotte, the manhater, says that a lot of people who were married by a Justice of the Peace should have been married by the Secretary of War.

I think I told you about Frank Grancha's effort to cross carrier pigeons with canaries to deliver singing telegrams. This has now been expanded to the attempt to cross the pigeons with owls so they can deliver night letters.

Cars and bars often mean stars and scars. So don't mix drinking and driving. This advice don't affect me. I don't know why any one should want to drive.

The Mrs.: "Mary, we have breakfast promptly at 8 o'clock."

New Maid: "All right, miss, but if I ain't down don't wait for me."

IDENTIFICATION

President—"Why did you engage that man as cashier? He squints, has a crooked nose and outstanding ears."

Manager—"Of course. He will be so easy to identify if he ever absconds."

Some folks worry and push and shove—just hunting molehills to make mountains of.

Little Carol met the minister as she came out of a drugstore with an ice cream cone.

"Why didn't you give your money to the missions?" asked the minister.

"Oh," she replied, "I figured out a better way. I buy the ice cream cones and let the druggist give the money to the missions."

Niece: "Auntie, why is it Uncle hasn't any hair?"

Auntie: "Why, it's because he is a wise man and thinks so much. You see, it hasn't time to grow."

Niece: "Then, Auntie, why is it that you have so much hair?"

Auntie: "Now, dear, run along and play and don't tire Auntie with questions."

MUDDY CREEK

Two hillbillies, living in a mountain town, went wading in a nearby creek. "Jeepers," exclaimed the first, "ain't yore feet dirty?" "And what right have you to talk?" said the second. "Yore feet are worse than mine." "Yeah, but you fergit," was the reply, "I wuz born two two years afore you."

The guests at a party were playing a game to see who could make the worst faces. The prize was awarded to a man seated somewhat apart from the others.

"I'm sorry," he apologized, when the presentation was made, "but I wasn't playing."

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Internationals Push Vote Drive

(AFL Release)

Washington.—Officers of international and national unions threw their full weight behind the twin drives of Labor's League for Political Education for political campaign funds and to register voters.

The action climaxed a grave two-day meeting of officers of the international unions, state federations and central labor unions with AFL President William Green and Joseph D. Keenan, LLPE director.

In a policy statement, the officials said:

"To fight communism abroad and to safeguard democratic rights and economic well-being at home, that is the job which faces the next Congress.

"The reactionary opponents of labor have proven incompetent to set policy. Not only on domestic policy but in fighting the communists abroad, they have proven bad security risks."

The National Committee of LLPE, composed of the presidents of the national and international unions, recommended that all national and international unions and all AFL affiliates shall immediately instruct their regional and district representatives to call on the local union deputy collectors (financial secretaries) and to call regional meetings of all local union officers to get the following action rolling:

1. Establish in each local union a Registration Committee whose goal is to register every member and his or her family so that they will be qualified to vote in the November elections.

2. Establish in each local union a Contribution Committee whose goal shall be a voluntary contribution from every member and from friends, these funds to be forwarded weekly to LLPE.

3. Conduct a continuing campaign urging each member's full and complete participation in LLPE and the over-all political effort.

4. The national and international unions and all AFL affiliates to obtain complete periodic progress reports on registration and contributions, the first to be made by Sept. 1.

The policy statement said that LLPE had stemmed and reversed the tide of reaction in Congress. The 81st Congress passed the public housing act, raised the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour, and expanded social security

—first liberal legislation in a decade.

"To hold these gains, to make greater improvements and to repeal the infamous Taft-Hartley Act, labor must increase the liberal majority in Congress," the statement said. "Labor has the votes required for victory.

"It is absolutely necessary for us to see that labor's vote does not stay home in 1950 but appears in full force at the polls on Nov. 7 next."

They're Organized

A stage driver passed
O'er a trail one day
Past meadow, woodland
he took his way
His long whip snapped
with unswerving aim
Whether standing or
moving, twas just the same.

A horsefly fell as the
snaky lash

Shot out as sure as the
lighting's flash

A grasshopper here and
butterfly there

Fell prey to his aim as
they winged the air

A hornets nest hung on a
limb nearby

But the stage drive passed
that carefully by

What's the matter his passenger
cried surprised,

He answered, Hornets are
organized.

The horsefly, butterfly, the
grasshopper too

And their fate is a lesson
and warning to you

You will flutter and fall
with the hoppers, and flies,

Unless like the hornets,
you're organized.

About 30,000 persons lose arms
or legs yearly in civilian accidents

as compared with the over 17,000
American amputees as a result of

the whole war.

News For Women

By POLLY EDISON (for LLPE)

TWO-PARTY SYSTEM

Only woman in the U. S. Senate—Mrs. Margaret Smith of Maine—believes very strongly that our country needs two good strong political parties, and that neither of them should stay in power too long. "A change is good in politics, as in most other things," she says.

As you know, Senator Smith is a Republican and naturally would like to see the Republican Party in top position. Much as she believes in her party, however, she believes in her conscience more and has several times voted against actions sponsored by her party's leadership.

You probably read the Senate speech she made against Senator McCarthy and his Communist-scare investigation. She made it plain she would be ashamed to win on such a platform. Hundreds of letters have come to her since then, from Democrats and Republicans all over the country. Eight to one, they approve her view that decency comes first.

The country would have more active voters, Margaret Smith believes, and particularly more women voters, if everyone would wake up to the fact that his vote has a bearing on his pocketbook. "A housewife's grocery bill, the wages her husband brings home, the education and health of her children all are tied in with what her government does or fails to do.

"If every woman would only realize that her government is not something remote but is a day-to-day business that touches her right at home, she would never fail to vote. I get worried because that is so often forgotten. Roads, schools, dams—everybody wants them, and that's fine just so long as those who insist on them face up to paying for them. And realize that the way one pays is in taxes."

SENATE ROSE

One way to tell whether a woman is in Congress these days is to note whether she is wearing a rose. Most of them wear one every day, keeping it fresh in one of those plastic pins that hold water. The day we visited Senator Smith she was wearing an aqua suit and her rose was a creamy yellow. The slick magazines would have called her chic and charming. And we would have agreed.

The chances are that the Senate will have two women members come January. Helen Gahagan Douglas, former actress who has made a good Congresswoman, is running a fine race for the Senate from California. Mrs. Douglas, also a smart dresser, goes in for suits and costume jewelry. Both she and Senator Smith like color. Which makes them quite different from the first elected woman Senator, Mrs. Hattie Caraway, from Arkansas. Mrs. Caraway always wore black and carried an old-fashioned black pocketbook.

TIME AND DOCTORS

We've heard that some doctors now keep small hour glasses of sand on their desks, like those used for timing soft boiled eggs. The glass is turned over when the patient arrives, and when the sand has run through the doctor says: "Now that is all the time I could give you if we had compulsory health insurance or socialized medicine. Just four minutes."

What do they mean? Are there so many people needing a doctor's care and not getting it that a doctor actually thinks this would be true if medical treatment should be made available to all who need it? We thought the argument against a prepaid medical plan (and it's not Socialism) was that the country didn't need it.

WHY VOTE?

The head of the American Psychiatric Association has given us another reason why every eligible person should vote. In a democracy, he says, anyone who doesn't vote is bound to develop a guilty feeling. And a guilty feeling does not make for mental health. So vote, and maybe you won't need a psychiatrist.

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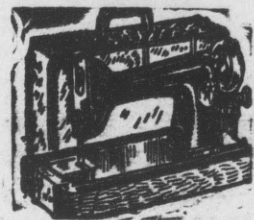
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Union Men Operate Modern, Efficient Sewage Disposal Plant at Salinas

One of the most modern and most efficiently-operated in the state is the big sewage disposal and treatment plant located south of Salinas and serving the metropolitan area, the plant operated by four men, members of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas.

The plant is located four miles south of town, a mile west of Monterey Highway on Hitchcock Road, situated in a layout designed by the operators and including a small orchard, garden plots and landscaping.

Randolph Fenchel, resident chief operator of the plant, is president of Laborers Union 272. His co-workers are D. Lambert, John Shugart, and E. Philpott, all union members although Philpott is working on permit status, it was reported.

Laboratories connected with the plant are furnished with modern and up-to-date equipment and the plant operators serve as laboratory technicians as well as handling all maintenance work at the plant, from ditch digging to pipe repairs.

Built originally in 1930 and remodeled extensively in 1940, the plant is operated seven days a week, with connections from all domestic sewage lines in the incorporated area and from much of the industrial area.

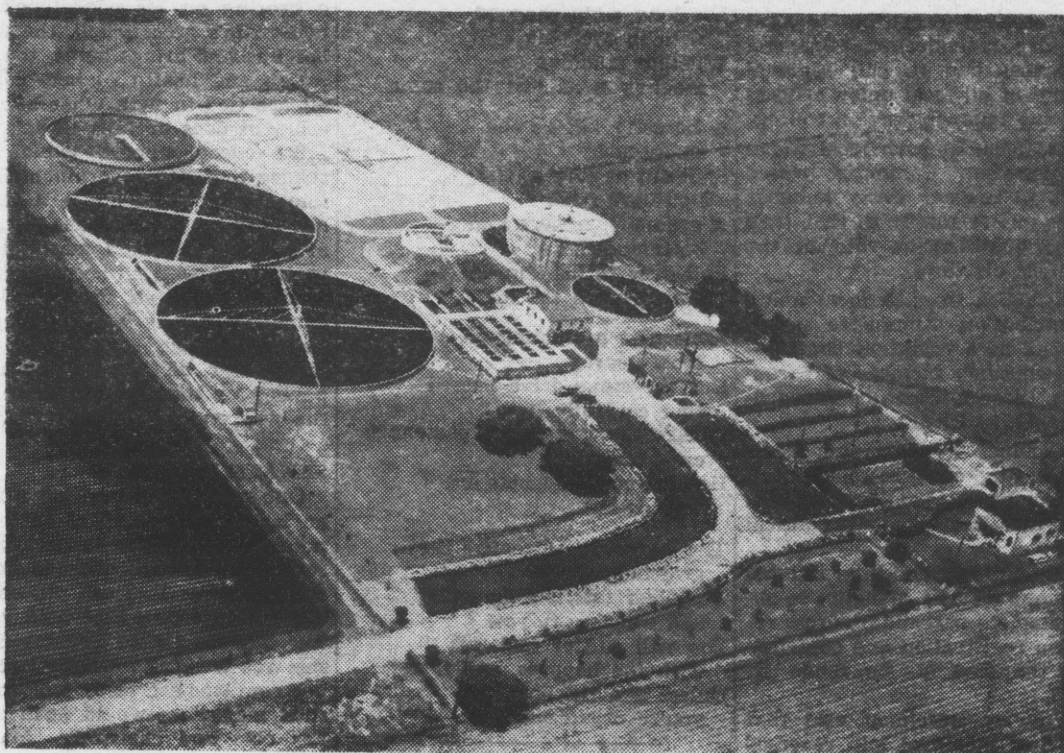
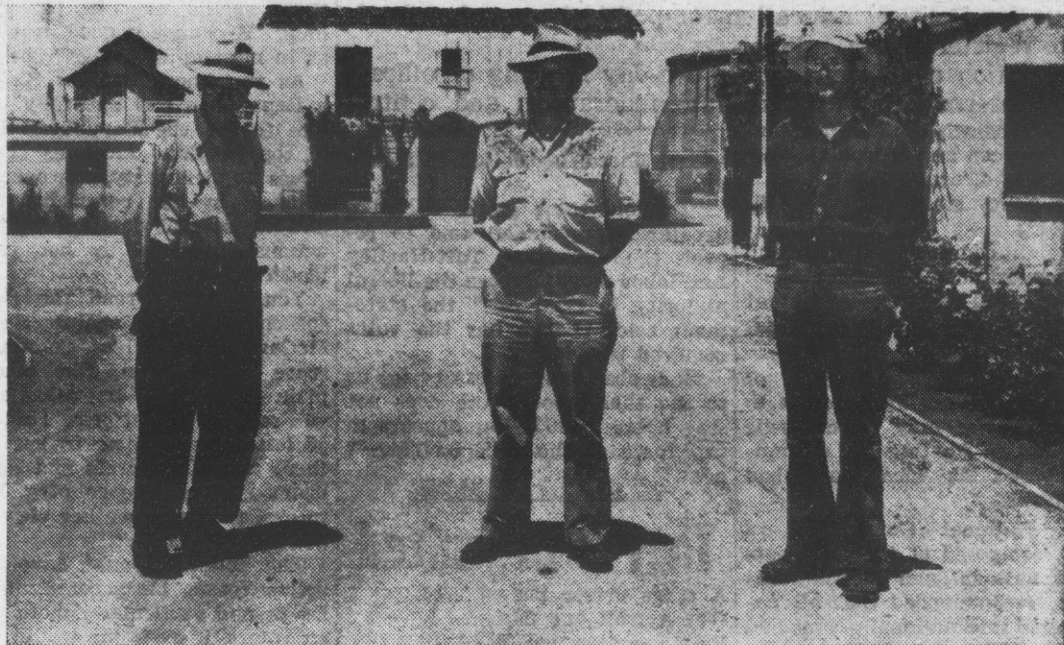
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The sewage treatment plant is under direction of Donald Davies Jr., Salinas city engineer. Consulting engineer is Harry Jenks, of Palo Alto.

Near the plant and located attractively in the landscaped area is the home of the resident chief operator. Landscaping of the plant grounds was completed in 1944. There are now 40 fruit trees, but the flower gardens are the big attraction. Here are grown many prized roses, daisies, gladioli, chrysanthemums and countless other flowers and garden plants.



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Bosses Organize

Washington.—American business men are very highly organized, much more so than the workers are.

The fact is further proof of why every worker should belong to a union.

The U. S. Department of Commerce recently published an enormous directory, "National Associations of the United States," giving detailed information on approximately 4,000 trade, professional, civic, labor, religious and other organizations, the majority of which are national in scope.

Fifteen hundred national trade associations and an additional 200 associations made up predominantly of businessmen are listed. The 1,500 trade associations have a paid staff of 16,000 persons and a gross membership of over 1,000,000 business firms. Including locals and branches, it is estimated by the editors of the directory that there are 12,000 trade associations and 4,000 Chambers of Commerce, to say nothing of 15,000 civic service groups, luncheon clubs, and similar organizations of business and professional men and women.

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These pictures, made available through courtesy of the SALINAS CALIFORNIAN, show the Salinas Sewage Plant and three of its operators. In the top photo, standing before the office and laboratory are (left to right) D. Lambert, Resident Chief Operator R. Fenchel, and John Shugart. The lower picture is a bird's eye view of the plant, showing the extensive layout. Big tanks on the left are primary and secondary bio-filters for liquid wastes. The small tank, top left, is the final clarifier. The white area in the top corner is the drying bed for solids. Other tanks are for pre-treatment, and digesters. The flat square, center, includes settling tanks and primary clarifiers. Lower right is the chief operator's home. Other buildings include office buildings, laboratories, and the influent pumping station.

—Pictures, courtesy of
SALINAS CALIFORNIAN

Teamsters Donate \$15,000 to Hospital

Seattle.—Just when the campaign was lagging, Joint Council of Teamsters 28 (AFL) came through with the largest single employee donation on record for the new Orthopedic Hospital's building fund here.

The Council, representing 47 International Brotherhood of Teamsters' locals in the state, contributed \$15,000 to the fund. The Council serves over 40,000 members in the state, many of whom have used the hospital's facilities for themselves and their families.

The donation was earmarked for an out-patient conference room at the new hospital, which will be built next year.

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On Removing Spots

Removing spots and stains is simple work if you have the proper materials.

Finger marks on painted woodwork can be removed by rubbing with cloth that has been dipped in kerosene. Remove marks on varnished furniture by rubbing with sweet oil, on oiled furniture, rub with kerosene.

For removing ink spots from wood, mix equal parts of linseed oil and vinegar and apply the mixture lightly to the spots.

To remove grease spots from floors, sprinkle with dry soda and pour boiling water over the soda. Let this remain a short while, then scrub with hot soap and water. Varnish stains can be removed from clothing by rubbing with a sponge dipped in turpentine.

Fruit and vegetable stains on the sink may be removed thus: Prepare a paste containing equal parts of baking soda and chlorinated lime. To this add enough boiling water to form a thin paste; spread the mixture on the discolorations in the sink and allow to remain a while. You'll also save plumber's bills if once or twice a month you run baking soda through the sink trap, after greasy food.

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Pin Him Down

Don't let a candidate for Congress throw dust in your eyes. When he asks you to support him for election, pin him down. Don't let him stand up, talk about Socialism and Communism, and then sit down.

Ask him where he stands on social security.

Ask him where he stands on minimum wages.

Ask him where he stands on housing.

Ask him where he stands on Taft-Hartley.

Ask him where he stands on health insurance.

Ask him where he stands on aid to education.

Ask him where he stands on aid to the free nations of western Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Make him be specific. Don't let him wiggle. Pin him down.—AFL League Reporter.

Praise Federation's Aid in Settling Of Safeway Strike

(State Fed. Release)

The long, 10-month strike of AFL clerks and managers against the Safeway Stores of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties has ended with the signing of a five-year peace contract.

Main points of the settlement, as cited by Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council and vice president of the California State Federation of Labor, provide that:

(1) During the five-year period Safeway will remain out of negotiations with AFL Clerks Locals 870 and 1179 of Alameda and Contra Costa counties respectively, and will accept whatever terms are agreed upon annually by the unions with the rest of the industry in the two counties.

(2) All strikers return to work with no loss of seniority, vacation rights, or any other employee rights.

(3) The striking managers return with individual contracts with the corporation. These contracts, running for 15 months, require that if a manager quits or is discharged for cause during the first three months after return, he is to be paid the same sum of money that he earned during the entire year before September 19, 1949. If he quits or is discharged after three months from his return, he gets paid for the number of months the contract still runs before expiring.

(4) The individual contracts with the striking managers provide that they may belong to the Clerks' unions. The ultimate question of whether the managers can have the Clerks Union bargain for them is left up to the courts.

(5) All other court or NLRB actions, whether instituted by the union or the corporation, are cancelled, including the contempt proceedings brought against the AFL union leaders.

(6) The managers returning to work go back to the same locations where they worked before the strike.

(7) Both clerks and managers have the protection of contract terms which had previously been negotiated by the rest of the industry.

Ash gave particular praise to Charles P. Scully, attorney of the California State Federation of Labor, for his efforts in defending the labor position. Declaring that

Women Help Fight For Better Living

Copenhagen, Denmark. — "Without the influence of the American trade unions, it would have been impossible to maintain and develop the social standards which exist in the United States."

These words were part of a message Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, U. S. ambassador to Denmark, brought to a meeting of 114 trade union women from the Scandinavian countries.

Women unionists from Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark met at the Workers' Folk School, Roskilde, Denmark, to hear the popular ambassador speak.

"Women of the United States, like women all over the world, increasingly understand that they must carry their share of responsibility in public work, both nationally and internationally, the ambassador said.

"The fight for the highest possible standard of living and the maintenance of full employment is the women's concern, too."

Concerning the American women's interest in international affairs, Mrs. Anderson said:

"Through the Marshall Plan and the Atlantic Pact, American women have signified their belief that these 2 objectives are means for the preservation of the peace."

In America, Mrs. Anderson stated, we believe that only where people have a right to criticize their government, to speak, think and organize freely, is there a chance to preserve what we have won.

Savings Are Spent

Individual savings during the first quarter of 1950 totaled \$600 million, according to the Securities & Exchange Commission. This low savings rate, SEC said, resulted from failure of ex-GIs who received insurance refunds to put them into savings.

Some districts of Japan contain as many as 1,000 homes where hand-made papermaking processes are practiced following ancient methods which take one man a year to turn out as much paper as machinery does in 20 minutes.

Scully "fought for us day after day and night after night" in the long legal battle, the Alameda council leader held that "were it not for Scully's aid the long strike might still be on and final settlement not yet reached."



PAY AS YOU GO—Urging a pay-as-you-go tax policy to cover costs of the Korean war, Sen. Joseph O'Mahoney (D, Wyo.) told the joint economic committee taxes should be increased 10%.

1,000 Unionists Get Checkups Under Health Program

New York. — Over 1,000 members of Chefs & Cooks Local 89 (AFL) have undergone complete physical checkups as the result of a health educational campaign staged by the Health Insurance Plan in cooperation with the union.

An additional 500 members have registered at the union office for examinations in the near future. Some 4,300 members of the union are insured with HIP under an industrywide insurance fund to which employers contribute 4% of payroll.

The physical examinations revealed a number of union members with serious conditions requiring hospital treatment. Other members were disclosed to have unsuspected or developing ailments and were referred to specialists under the HIP program.

Pres. Harry Reich of Local 89, which is an affiliate of the Hotel & Restaurant Employees Intl. Union, hailed the results of the campaign as "positive proof that through HIP we can do much to effectively safeguard the health of our members."

During the 2-month campaign, HIP assigned representatives to Local 89's offices to talk to the union members and to arrange for appointments with HIP physicians. The educational program included talks by physicians to membership meetings, special literature and posters, stories in the union newspaper, visits to shop groups and a 3-dimensional exhibit at the union's headquarters.

GE Profits Are Biggest on Record

New York.—Profits of the General Electric Co. in the first six months of 1950 were the biggest for any first half in the history of the company.

Profits for the six months ending June 30 totaled 677,445,000, an increase of 66 per cent over the \$46,553,000 chalked up in the corresponding period last year. The profit was equal to \$2.68 a common share, compared with \$1.61 a year ago.

Profits for the June quarter also far outstripped those of the similar 1949 period. Total take for the quarter amounted to \$40,587,000, or \$1.40 a common share, compared to \$19,850,000, or 68c a share, in the 1949 June quarter.

GE sales also were history-making, according to Pres. Charles E. Wilson. As the first half ended, sales were nearing the billion-dollar mark, totaling \$881,050,000. This was a 10 per cent increase over the \$801,756,516 reported in the first half of last year.

A lady says, "The average man is 36 around the chest, 40 around the waist, 98 around the golf course, and a nuisance around the house."



READY FOR ACTION—Members of the U.S. First Cavalry Division stand at attention in Tokyo before being shipped to Korea for action on the blazing front.

THE TRUTH ABOUT PUBLIC HOUSING

(Your labor paper here reprints, in several successive issues, the report of the National Housing Conference, "The Truth About Public Housing," as an antidote to the campaign of lies, half-truths and misrepresentation now being conducted by real estate interests throughout the country. Watch this paper for following installments.)

FOURTH INSTALLMENT

8. WHO PAYS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING?

The major share of the cost of public housing is paid by the tenants through their rent. The annual contribution, or subsidy, provided by the Federal government is shared by all of us in the nation as a whole who pay Federal taxes, regardless of whether our particular community has a low-rent project or not. It is the same method that is used in providing for social security and other measures that further the general welfare. It is repaid many times over in the better citizens, happier children, and stronger communities throughout our nation, and thus strengthens American democracy.

In return for the subsidy contributed annually from the Federal treasury, the taxpayers of the communities get rid of the heavy costs of slums—excessive costs of crime, delinquency, disease, fire, and other social ills bred by slums. Such a direct subsidy through non-profit, locally operated Housing Authorities, is the most economical means of making possible the rehousing of the lowest income families, rather than attempting to have the funds "trickle down" through a series of lending institutions, landlords and agents. The results of the latter procedure are obvious when looking at the double and triple rents charged by rental projects under FHA-insured, Section 608 loans—the physical standards of which projects are below the minima of public low-rent housing.

9. PUBLIC HOUSING IS RESPONSIBLE DEMOCRACY—NOT "SOCIALISM"

Democracy can show responsibility for some of its less advantaged participants, particularly where their continued injury is a danger to the entire community. To refuse any degree of responsibility for the general welfare, is advocating anarchy. The tag of "socialism" which opponents of public housing have tried to hang on it was rejected by the majority of the Congress which approved the Housing Act of 1949. It is the scare-word which has been used many times in American history to attempt to stop passage or prevent carrying out progressive legislative measures such as public education, social security, workmen's compensation, and insurance of savings deposits. Scare-words usually reflect a lack of sound reasons by those who use them.

Socialism is primarily public ownership of the means of production and their use in the public interest.

The public housing program is certainly not socialistic. It is a sound investment by public and private enterprise together in the general welfare in keeping with the spirit and tradition of community responsibility in America.

Forty-three state legislatures (South Dakota is the latest) have enacted public housing legislation. Cities and counties in every region of the country have established local housing authorities to carry out public housing programs. Over 550 communities have applied for Federal aid to expand or begin such programs since the summer of 1949.

Public housing for those who cannot afford the high cost of private housing is no more socialistic than is public education for those who cannot afford private schooling or public social security system for those who cannot adequately insure against economic want through private systems.

Education, social security, and decent housing all have this in common: that their absence is not only a detriment to the individuals affected but also a hazard to the entire community. As the entire community is imperiled by illiteracy or by economic want, so it is

by the hazards bred by slum housing, such as disease, crime, juvenile delinquency, fire and social unrest. America has come to believe that it should undertake to protect the community against these evils, by programs which are clearly supplementary to the functioning of private enterprise.

Programs like public housing are essential to the success of democracy and the private enterprise system in America. In assuring a basic minimum of shelter for low-income families, public housing strengthens the morale and confidence of the people in the American democratic processes and in the private enterprise system.

Fortune Magazine says: "From a series of investigations . . . we have concluded that the . . . failure by capitalism to satisfy this elemental want [of a house] will do more to undermine free institutions than ten thousand Union Square orators."

10. FAMILIES ON RELIEF ARE ELIGIBLE TO LIVE IN PUBLIC HOUSING

The 1949 law expressly declares that there must be no discrimination against eligible families whose incomes are wholly or partly derived from public assistance. Although this requirement was not written into the original U.S. Housing Act of 1937, the percentage of welfare clients admitted to existing public housing is substantial. Here are some examples quoted in the Senate debate on the adoption of the Housing Act of 1949:

Welfare Clients Living in Low-Rent Housing Projects as Percentage of All Tenants

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|------------------------|------|
| Anaconda, Mont. | 17 |
| Baltimore, Md. | 11 |
| Boston, Mass. | 10 |
| Chester, Pa. | 9 |
| Chicago, Ill. | 20 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 24 |
| Gary, Ind. | 34 |
| Hammond, Ind. | 24 |
| Hartford, Conn. | 8 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. | 15 |
| Louisville, Ky. | 10 |
| New Orleans, La. | 23 |
| New York, N. Y. | 12 |
| Peoria, Ill. | 24 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. | 14 |
| Phoenix, Ariz. | 10 |
| Pittsburgh, Pa. | 20 |
| Quincy, Ill. | 24 |
| San Bernardino, Calif. | 16 |
| San Francisco, Calif. | 33 |
| Seattle, Wash. | 43 |
| Tacoma, Wash. | 20 |
| Washington, D. C. | 9 |

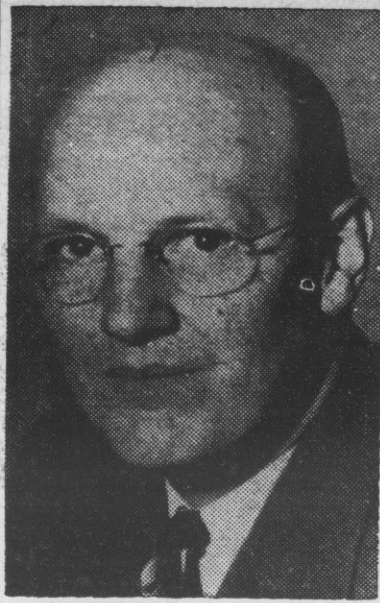
11. PUBLIC HOUSING POLICY IS MADE BY RESPONSIBLE LOCAL LEADERS

Local housing authorities consist of representative local citizens from the ranks of business, banking, industry, labor, the professions, and civic leaders. The local authority is responsible for its operation to the citizens of the community, and, as with any other publicly controlled activity, low-rent housing is subject to constant scrutiny by the community's citizens.

Those who oppose public housing with arguments about the danger of "politics" are really saying that their faith in democracy is so shaky that they do not believe a local public activity can be honestly handled.

A report in 1949 showing the occupations of 2,414 commissioners in 490 local housing authorities showed the following distribution:

| Occupations | Number | Pct. |
|--|--------|------|
| Banking, Insurance, | | |
| Real Estate | 463 | 19 |
| Business and Industry | 724 | 30 |
| Professions (Law, Medicine, Ministry, Architecture, Welfare, etc.) | 454 | 19 |
| Wage Earners and Labor Officials | 374 | 15 |
| Civic Leaders and Public Officials | 147 | 6 |



HITS HOARDERS—While prices rose, Agriculture Sec. Charles Brannan told a House committee there is no need to hoard. Enough butter is available in government storage, he said, to give a pound to everyone in the country.

Migrant Problem Worse Than Ever

(State Fed. Release)

President Truman's Commission on Migratory Labor, after a two-day hearing in Washington devoted to testimony from interested labor, employer, welfare and religious groups, has announced a schedule for its first hearings in the field.

The itinerary commences in Brownsville, Texas, on July 31, and concludes in Fort Collins, Colorado, on August 18.

A three-day hearing will be held in Los Angeles on August 10, 11 and 12.

One of the groups represented at the Washington hearing, the National Child Labor Committee, told the Commission that the migrancy problem was worse than ever and with increased mechanization the trend would continue, unless something was done.

Sol Markoff, who spoke for the Committee, said that despite many investigations and some reforms in a few states, "there seems to have been little change in the unbelievably substandard conditions of life and labor among many migrant farm workers."

Edwin C. Mitchell, speaking for H. L. Mitchell, president of the National Farm Labor Union, AFL, pointed out that farm workers are denied the protection of the Federal minimum wage law, the social security law, and, by most states, workmen's compensation.

He said the National Farm Labor Union has "consistently opposed the importation of foreign workers from Mexico, the British West Indies, and elsewhere, since the importation of foreign workers reduces job opportunities for American citizens, and prevents the rise of wages, working and living conditions" of all farm labor.

Plentiful Food Supply

Washington.—Food supplies are good and there should be little immediate danger of shortages, Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan told the House Agriculture Committee July 24. A Department of Agriculture report at the same time said that increased military food requirements should not affect civilian supplies.

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| Farmers and Farm Organizations | 111 | 5 |
| Miscellaneous | 141 | 6 |
| TOTAL | 2,414 | 100 |

Regulations governing low-rent housing rule out any discrimination for political, religious or other reasons. Tenants exercise their voting rights and privileges with the same freedom as do all other citizens—they vote as they please. The secret ballot, a prized possession of American citizens, protects each voter from any would-be prying eyes. Any attempt by an employee of a local housing authority or Federal agency to influence the result of an election is forbidden and punishable under the Hatch Act.

(To Be Continued)

War Zooms Living Costs

(AFL Release)

Washington.—The cost of living is going up fast—again. The rise, reported for the month between May 15 and June 15 by the U. S. Department of Labor, was a big 0.9 per cent.

(Editor's Note: Will the business press and industry trade journals please refrain from calling the use of "big" slanted reporting? In such a detailed and heavily weighted index as the government's Consumer Price Index, a jump of nine-tenths of one per cent is big and any honest economist will say so. Further, price increases of the past few weeks will probably boost this index figure many times over.)

Chairman W. Stuart Symington of the National Security Resources Board told the Senate Banking Committee that "prices of 28 basic commodities have risen 10 per cent since the invasion of South Korea."

But, he said, President Truman did not yet want price controls, rationing or manpower restrictions.

In a regular monthly survey completed before the Communists made war on Korea, the Labor Department said:

"Led by large increases in prices of meats, fruits and vegetables, retail prices of goods and services bought by moderate-income families in large cities increased 0.9 per cent between May 15 and June 15, 1950."

"This was the second month in which a substantial increase in prices occurred."

"Additional advances in consumers' prices since mid-June will be reflected in the index for July 15."

The consumers' price index for June 15 was 170.2 (1935-39 equals 100), the highest level reached since January 1949, but still below the peak of 174.5 in August and September 1948. It was 0.4 per cent higher than a year earlier, 28 per cent higher than in June 1946, and 73 per cent above the August 1939 level.

Chiefly responsible for the increase during the month was 2.1 per cent rise in food prices, reflecting greater than usual seasonal increases for meats and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Rents rose 0.3 per cent and fuels 0.1 per cent; miscellaneous goods and services were unchanged on the average during the month. Fractional decreases of 0.1 per cent were recorded for apparel and house furnishings.

Retail food prices rose substantially for the second consecutive month, and slightly higher than a year earlier, and 41 per cent above June 1946.

Between mid-May and mid-June, food prices advanced in all of the 56 cities surveyed, with increases of 3.5 per cent or greater recorded in Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Cleveland and Buffalo. The smallest increases, 0.5 per cent or less, were reported in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Jackson, Miss.

You've got a big date on Nov. 7, but meanwhile, register now! You can't vote if you aren't registered, and Labor and America both need your vote!

Knowland Ripper a Peril to Manpower

Washington.—The AFL waged a last-ditch campaign to get conferees on the expanded social security law to throw out the amendment of Sen. William Knowland which would wreck the U.S. unemployment compensation system.

The ripper puts in peril the nation's ability to mobilize manpower resources on a national scale when the security of the country again is threatened by a war of aggression.

Nelson Cruikshank, AFL director of social insurance activities, discussed the amendment with AFL representatives from Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia. The group held a meeting in connection with Labor's League meeting on July 19. Mr. Cruikshank said:

"The amendment would make it possible for a State Unemployment Compensation Agency to use the program as a strike breaking instrument. It would be a tool to destroy our unions and to tear down wages and working conditions. It would make it possible for the states to divert unemployment compensation funds for other purposes."

"In an effort to meet our objections that there have been no hearings on the amendment, the sponsors are now claiming that it is a simple 'stop-gap' proposal designed to curb the arbitrary power of the Secretary of Labor between now and the convening of the next Congress when the matter can be given thorough study."

"The record of the 14 years' operation of the present federal labor standards in the unemployment compensation program gives no evidence of any such need. The Knowland amendment is not a 'stop-gap' proposal but a far-reaching and fundamental change in the program. Its advocates are clearly trying to put over without hearings what they know could not be passed if its provision were understood."

Win Vote

Washington.—A House vote on legislation to cancel a Post Office Department order curtailing postal service was assured by AFL postal workers unions which obtained the required number of signatures.

The vote on the bill will be in order on August 14.

The required number of members, 218, have signed a petition to bring the bill before the House despite failure of the House Post Office Committee to act on it. The petition was filed by Rep. Walsh, Democrat, of Indiana.

The postal service curtailment order, issued April 18 by Postmaster General Donaldson as an economy move, reduced mail deliveries to one a day and reduced service in post offices.

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